



**Service Policy No.**  
 <<Environmental Policy>>

*“An Excellent Authority”*

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## Document Control

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### Legislation

Title	
BS ISO 14004:2004 Environmental Management Systems	N/A

### Amendment History

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1.0	7/4/10	S Mansfield	Total revision of content and approach

### Equalities Impact Assessment

Initial	Full	Date	Reviewed by	Comments
09/4/10			S McKenna	

### Civil Contingencies Impact Assessment

Date	Reviewed by	Comments

### Related Policies

Title	Author	Department
All Environmental policies and SOPs	Simon Mansfield	Estates

### Distribution List

Name	Position	I/R
All MFRS		
External partners & organisations		

### Sign-Off List

Name	Position
K Timmins	Executive Director of Resources
J Edwards	Programme & Project Manager

### Related Documents

Ref No.	Title	Author	Version & Date

### Target audience

All MFS	✓	Ops Crews		Fire safety		Community FS		Support Staff	
Principal off.		Senior off.		Local Authorities	✓	Funding Bodies	✓	Public	✓

### Ownership

FOI exemption required?	Yes	No	URL	Reason
		✓		

**Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority is committed to reducing environmental impacts from:**

- The construction, maintenance and use of MFRS buildings
- The purchase of goods and services.
- The fleet of Service and casual vehicles.
- All activities carried out as a Fire and Rescue Service.

**Ownership**

- The Fire Authority will lead the process with the Executive and Corporate Leadership Teams actively owning, supporting and implementing environmental policies, issues and licences.
- The Environmental Manager will advise, audit, report and provide solutions for all environmental matters and the Environmental Management System and accreditation.
- All staff are required to consider and actively reduce their environmental impacts in accordance with this and all other environmental policies, guidelines and legislation.

**The Authority will continue to:**

- Reduce our building energy use through the Carbon Management Plan and other projects.
- Reduce our vehicle emissions through the Vehicle Efficiency Project and other green transport initiatives.
- Reduce our water consumption utilising efficiency devices and changing staff behaviours.
- Reduce our waste sent to landfill, by reducing resource use and increasing, reuse, recycling and energy recovery.
- Measure environmental performance to demonstrate and report against the targets of :
  - 30% reduction in Carbon Dioxide Emissions (2008 – 2013)
  - Carbon trust building energy benchmarks
  - Environment Agency water use benchmarks
  - Waste to landfill reduction targets
- Identify and comply with or exceed compliance with all legal environmental requirements.
- Maintain accreditation of ISO14001 Environmental Management System, and to expand the scope of ISO 14001 to include all Service premises and activities and to seek the higher level of EMAS accreditation.
- Reduce pollution risks from MFRS premises by adhering to Pollution Prevention Guidelines, maintaining training and emergency plans, auditing our sites and by learning lessons from incidents.
- Reduce the social and environmental impacts of our goods and services by establishing a system of Sustainable Procurement, to:
  - Assess contractor competency to reduce environmental risk.
  - Reduce our indirect environmental impacts (through Lifecycle and supply chain analysis).
  - Prevent the purchase of unsustainable or unethical goods.
- Continually review and improve our environmental policies, procedures and performance on an annual basis.

**Our public commitment to the environment. We will continue to**

- Reduce emissions by preventing fires and limiting fire damage
- Reduce the impacts of accidents and incidents by deployment of pollution control equipment
- Support The Environment Agency and Local Authorities in the response to flooding and the adaptation to future climate change impacts.
- Reduce community impacts by fitting energy efficient devices on Home Fire Safety Checks.

**Community and partnerships. We will**

- Continue to engage with, assist and influence other Fire and Rescue Services, organisations, Local Strategic Partnerships and public sector bodies in Merseyside, Northwest and the UK.
- Lead by example to influence staff and the public to demonstrate sustainable changes in environmental behaviours.
- Continue to stimulate the growth of the local economy by sourcing local goods and services where ever possible.

**Signed by:**

Councillor Tony Newman  
Chair of The Authority

Tony McGuirk  
Chief Fire Officer

Simon Mansfield  
Energy & Environmental Manager

**Date:**

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